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Four reports describing vessels sighted in the Arctic area

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- Att. Subject
1. Three unidentified naval vessels, including unidentified submarine; twin-engined passenger planes at Dudinka Airfield; routing of vessels via Mys Zhelaniya.
 2. Sighting of 25 unidentified naval vessels outside Kolskiy Zaliv; unidentified minesweepers and four submarines at Arkhangelsk; three submarines,
 3. Minelayer, six small naval vessels, troop transports in Arkhangelsk; target practice near Dvina lightship.
 4. Two submarines, one tanker; an unidentified surface vessel; extension of the quay at Onega.

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1. NAVAL.

[redacted] two large naval vessels and a submarine were observed lying at anchor outside the shipyard at ROSTA.

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One large naval vessel was lying at the fitting out wharf.

Description: All three naval vessels were similar,

[redacted] Two triple gun-turrets on the foredeck, bridge with tripod mast aft, two funnels with a mast in front of the aft funnel, break to quarter deck aft of the after funnel, two triple gun-turrets on the quarter deck.

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[redacted] the submarine [redacted] tower was straight fore and aft without platform. No visible artillery.

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[redacted] observed [redacted] at anchor outside ROSTA and a naval vessel in the shipyard [redacted]

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2. AIR.

Two twin-engined passenger planes were observed on the aerodrome at DUDINKA [redacted]

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[redacted] 25 vessels
were observed in position outside the KOLA INLET.
It was too dark [redacted] to see details of the
vessels but [redacted] some of them were naval
vessels. At the same time 4 vapour trails were seen
in the sky in the direction north/south.

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[redacted] 14 "minesweepers" and 4 sub-
marines were observed at the naval station at
ARCHANGEL [redacted]

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[redacted] 3 submarines
were observed 5 nautical miles north of DVINA light-
ship. One of these submarines [redacted]

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[redacted] disappeared into the KOLA INLET.

Description: The submarine [redacted]
[redacted] Length approx. 80ft., large tower that
was straight fore and aft, small gun or machine gun
on the foredeck. [redacted] no description of
the other two submarines.

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Description: [redacted] the vessel was a minelayer of about 2000 tons, similar to a converted cargo ship with a long, low quarter deck, grey painted.

[redacted] small naval vessels were observed steering north just outside DVINA lightship. 50X1-HUM

Description: [redacted] all similar with flush decks, one gun in shield extraordinarily far forward in the forecastle, square bridge, mast, funnel, two guns in shields, one in front of the other, depth charges on the quarter deck. (See sketch nr. 1). 50X1-HUM

Two smaller naval vessels were observed in ARCHANGEL a few days later. One, [redacted] was as described above, the second was of a different type. 50X1-HUM

Description: [redacted]

[redacted] flush decks sloping bow, gun on forecastle head, bridge, mast, funnel, gun in shield, depth charges aft. (See sketch nr. 2). 50X1-HUM

2. AIR.

[redacted] 16 twin-engined planes were seen at the aerodrome at ARCHANGEL. These were of a similar type to JU.52. Some double deckered, single engined planes were also seen which were apparently used as training machines. 50X1-HUM

3. TROOP TRANSPORT VESSELS.

Troop transport vessels were seen several times arriving and departing from ARCHANGEL. Approximately 3000 tons,

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painted grey. Carrying infantry, cars and other material,

4. TARGET PRACTICE.

In a SW direction from DVINA lightship flashes were seen and explosions similar to that of heavy artillery were heard. At each explosion the sky was illuminated over a large area.

5. TRAWLERS.

A large number of trawlers were observed on the waters east of VARDÖ.

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[redacted] two submarines,
4 small "patrol boats" and 1 tanker were observed in
a position off SVYATOSLAV steering a northerly course.

Description: The 2 submarines appeared to be similar,
[redacted] Tower with plat-
form aft and an object which sloped up from the rear
edge of the tower. No visible artillery.

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[redacted] no description of the other vessels.
(See Sketch Nr. 1.)

[redacted] a grey-painted
surface vessel was observed at anchor in a position
of 66°04'N 39°32'E.

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Description: [redacted] short forecastle, bridge
with a signal mast. A structure something like a high
hatch coaming began almost from the bow and continued
aft of the bridge to a kind of poopdeck astern. A
powerful crane with a mast on the top stood on the
poopdeck and at the foot of the crane was a motor boat.
On the quarterdeck in front of the poop was a life-boat.
The vessel had no visible artillery and no funnel.
(See sketch Nr. 2)

2. HARBOUR.

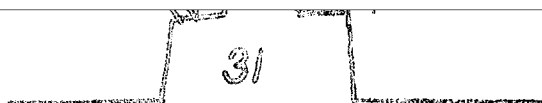
The quay at ONEGA is being extended in a northerly
direction and [redacted] there will be room for
at least 2 or 3 more ships of about 2500 tons.

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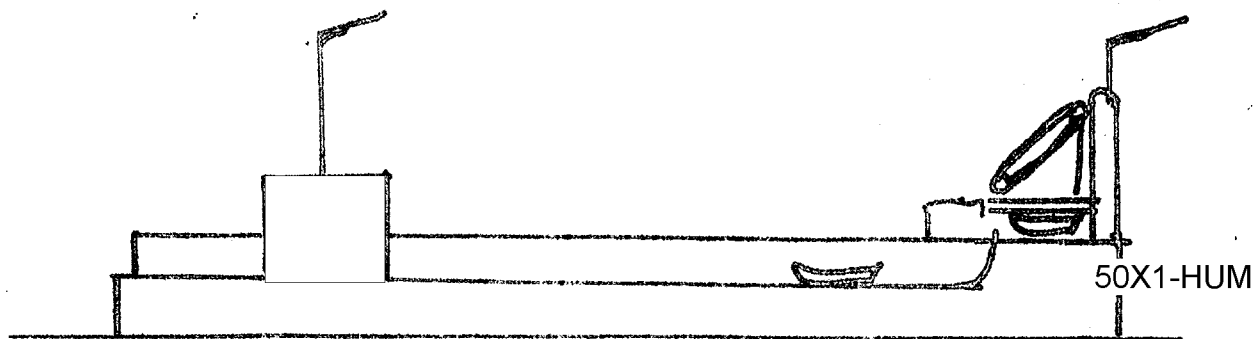
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